GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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FUNDS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government has been providing fund for people with disabilities every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the funds allocated to State of Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarathas been utilized fully during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;

(e) the total fund allocated to Andhra Pradesh under Viklang Bandhu Scheme and for providing aids to visually disabled persons;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure that allocated amount is utilized fully?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT(DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, funds are allocated scheme-wise and not State-wise.

(c)and (d) Central assistance under the scheme of Upgradation/Establishment of SpecialEmployment Exchanges for the Physically Handicapped is in the nature of reimbursement of expenditure. Under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action forPersons with Disabilities and Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances, grants are released to the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) after receipt of utilization certificates in respect of previous grants.

(e) to (g) An amount of Rs.19,83,300/- has been released to 10 NGOs under Viklang Bandhu Scheme during the last two years.